



**REGIONAL CONTINUUM OF CARE COUNCIL**  
**Tuesday June 29, 2010**  
**MINUTES**

- CALL TO ORDER at 10:05 AM. See sign-in sheet for attendance.
- MINUTES for May 25, 2010 approved by consensus. The schedule of meetings for FY 2010-2011 was distributed.
- STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT
  - *100,000 Homes and Vulnerability Study.* At the May Steering Committee meeting, Jennifer LeSar and Toni Atkins from LeSar and Associates Consultants presented the plan for conducting a vulnerability study in downtown San Diego. The study is part of a national effort led by Common Ground in New York. During the week of September 19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, the group surveys persons on the streets in a particular area, takes photos, and then analyzes the data to identify the persons most vulnerable to dying on the street. Anyone wanting to participate should contact Jennifer at [Jennifer@LeSarDevelopment.com](mailto:Jennifer@LeSarDevelopment.com).
  - *SHP Annual Process*
    - A request for Intents to Submit for new projects under the 2010 U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Continuum of Care (CoC) Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) has been issued. Any organization considering submitting a request for funds for a new project under the NOFA need to return the intent to submit form no later than July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Submittals can be made to: the Facilitator at [PatriciaLeslie@pointloma.edu](mailto:PatriciaLeslie@pointloma.edu) or 3900 Lomaland Dr., Rohr #103, San Diego 92106.

The members were advised that a summary of the intents to submit will be made available. San Diego Housing Commission noted that they would be able to form a project if there is no viable project submitted for the City CoC.

- A substantial part of the meeting was dedicated to reviewing national strategic plans. A chart showing the basic goals for the HUD Strategic Plan for 2010-2015, the General Section of CoC NOFA, and the newly released Federal Strategic Plan to End Homelessness: *Opening Doors (Federal ICH)* was distributed. The chart was used for a discussion of HUD goals and their relationship to the plan for use of Homeless Assistance Grants (HAG). The chart ties the goals of each plan to the goals of the others. The HUD Strategic Plan emphasizes using housing as a platform to achieve outcomes in multiple areas, for example health and education. Connections between HUD funds and resources of other federal departments, like Veterans Administration, Health and Human Services, or the Departments of Education or Labor are example of the strategy. Each goal in the HUD Plan is further detailed into objectives and signature initiatives. A handout of the HUD HAG objectives was provided.

The General Section of the 2010 HUD NOFA identifies 6 priorities: job creation, sustainability, fair housing, building and sharing knowledge, housing as a platform, and cross-cutting knowledge. These link to HUD Strategic Goals 2A, 2B, 3A,AB,3C,3D, 4A, 4C. (see chart for specifics).

The Federal ICH plan identifies 4 national goals: ending chronic homelessness in 5 years, ending veteran homelessness in 5 years, ending family homelessness in 10 years, and set a path to end all types of homelessness. This plan emphasizes accomplishment of 10 objectives by increasing leadership and collaboration; increasing access to stable, affordable housing, increasing economic stability through employment; improving health and housing stability; and re-tooling the homeless crisis response systems and rapidly re-housing persons who become homeless.

The RCCC will need to consider the cross-cutting goals and objectives of these national plans in order to move forward and remain competitive in the next five years.

- *Downtown Services and Housing Update* – Neil Good, Connections
  - Operation of the Neil Good day center will transfer from St. Vincent de Paul to Alpha Project on July 1<sup>st</sup>. SVdP and Alpha are working cooperatively to ensure a smooth transition. Alpha is conducting intake for clients so that services can continue. Alpha is encouraging other agencies that would like to outstation or provide services from the NGDC site to contact them.
  - Alpha will partner with PATH, Family Health Centers and Affirmed Housing to operate the interim housing component of the proposed Connections Center (aka PATH, World Trade Center).
- SUBCOMMITTEE and LIAISON REPORTS
  - Legislative Committee – Rosemary Johnston – see electronic report. Some highlights include:
    - Efforts to extend unemployment benefits funding failed at the federal level
    - Good news is the VA is awarding \$58.6 million in VASH vouchers nationally.
    - Concerns over the state budget shortfall continue. Notably an estimated 87,000 children currently in Health Families programs and the CAL Works program could be left without services.
    - Locally the Girls Think Tank forwarded a petition to Marti Emerald urging the City of San Diego to provide greater access to water and restrooms downtown. These services are needed by visitors to the city as well as local residents and homeless persons. A proposal to provide what is being referred to as “Portland Loos” is under consideration.
    - The RCCC authorized the Legislative Chair to prepare and submit a letter to our representatives re: a bipartisan caucus on homeless.
    - A “Please Don’t Feed Our Bums” campaign in Ocean Beach is getting media attention. A local head shop operator is selling patches and stickers discouraging people from assisting homeless, particularly a group of youth, in OB. The Regional Task Force on the Homeless have designed an alternate patch, focused on building community by helping others. Peter Callstrom

Executive Director of RTFH was interviewed about the state of homelessness in San Diego and this issue. RCCC members provided feedback on the messages conveyed by the patches. Christine Schanes has done outreach to the group of youth at OB and will be submitting an article to the Huffington Post about the issue.

- HMIS - Data Quality and Data Governance – Tiffany Bevilacqua and William Liu reported on Data Quality and Data Governance.
  - RTFH staff advised RCCC members that Executive Administrators of programs on the Housing Inventory Chart will now have the ability and responsibility to update their HIC for changes in beds, target, populations and programs throughout the year not just at the PITC. The Facilitator noted that this is a substantive change and that we will need to be very diligent as this system change moves forward. *(Note: Subsequent to the meeting it was determined that the Facilitator had misunderstood the announcement to mean that program administrators would be updating the HIC in the HDX system. This is not the case. Programs will update their information for the HIC by updating the information in the Program Description section of the local HMIS).*
  - Data Quality and completeness remain key issues in the local CoC. The RTFH have established frequent trainings to assist agencies and are willing to conduct special program –level trainings as needed (see handout), To this end, the local Rating and Review Committee will also be reconsidering the how to use the local process to motivate /reward high quality participation.
  - HPRP Data William Liu presented a report on the first two quarters of HPRP to the regional stakeholders group at the Grantmakers’ Roundtable. There appears to be great success through the prevention programs (more than 80% in permanent housing). More than 500 households have been already been served throughout the region.
  - RTFH and their HMIS partners are preparing for the Annual Homeless Assessment Report which is submitted to HUD each year (and which earns points in the national CoC NOFA). RCCC members were reminded of the importance of this report and asked to cooperate with RTFH in their efforts to ensure data completeness and high data quality for this report. Preliminary indicators are that the Hearth Act will place greater emphasis on data over a year as well as at a point-in-time.
- Housing Liaisons
  - HOC – Hannah Cohen; Cissy Fisher provided an update from Housing Opportunities Collaborative. The Downtown Senior Center has moved and HOC are opening a residential services center at the Smart Corner. Moving forward, the center could provide connection to region-wide resources such as benefits, employment services, via the internet. Other organizations could also conduct outreach through the HOC, perhaps ½ day per week.
  - The relationship of the residential center and the Connections project is not yet determined. The Connections center will not open for at least two years and HOC can offer services now.

- HOC is now doing initial outreach for the City of San Diego HPRP program. Townspeople continues to conduct assessment, intake, and referral.
- The Del Mar Apartments facility, previously operated by TACHS, will be renovated and continue to provide permanent supportive housing on the first two floors. Regulations prevent the third floor from also being used for this purpose, so those units will hopefully be maintained as affordable housing.
- SD Housing Federation – Congratulations were offered to Rosemary Johnston, ISN who was recognized at Advocate of the Year and to individual award winners: Jon Walters, TACHS and Jennifer LeSar, Supportive Housing; Program award winners in RCCC include: Interfaith Community Services - Fairweather Lodge; Community Housing Works – Turnagain; Fr. Joe's Villages -16<sup>th</sup> and Market; and the City of Chula Vista-Los Vecinos. Congratulations to all for their Program of the Year awards. For a complete list of awards see: [www.housingsandiego.org/events\\_award.php](http://www.housingsandiego.org/events_award.php)
- To Scott, Executive Director for the Housing Federation is retiring, Recruitment for candidates for the position are being accepted until July 19<sup>th</sup>.
- PTECH (Home Again) – Is preparing to release an RFP for housing and services for chronic homeless and for 25 housing units for frequent users of emergency services.
- HPRP State HPRP providers are finally seeing reimbursement from the State. A report at the prior RCCC meeting, indicated that operating of the projects were threatened by the delay of funds.
- Manual Committee – Noelle Kester updates to the RCCC Membership manual are in process. Work still needs to be completed to update the section on Rating and Review since the process has changed over the past year.
- Employment Committee – Jack Micklos, Dave Siegler This committee is in hibernation until time to prepare for Employment Forum 2011.
- ANNOUNCEMENTS / OTHER BUSINESS
 

Space is available at the Glenn Allison apartments for persons with disability. These are available at 40% AMI or below. Contact Jon Walters for more information.
- ADJOURN

**NEXT MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 27, 2010**  
**10:00 – 11:30 AM**  
**National University**  
**9388 Lightwave Avenue**  
**San Diego, CA. 92123**